(c) if so, by when such a Board is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Comprehensive measures taken by Government for rehabilitation of War Widows include Liberalised Pensionary Award, Priority HA for employment in Group *C and Group 'D' posts, educational concessions, for children upto First Degree Course, travel concessions, etc. A new Division has been set up in the Ministry of Defence to look after the policy issues relating to problems of resettlement and welfare of Ex-servicemen and war widows, while the Director General Resettlement is overall responsible for the implementation of various schemes and measures. There is no proposal to set up a separate welfare Board for war widows.

Persons arrested for Adulteration of Food

3079. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons arrested for adulteration in food and other edibles during the period January, 1987 till December, 1988 in Delhi ; and

(b) the details of punishment given to these persons ; and

(c) whether the cases of food adulteration are on the increase or decrease?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) 670 persons in 391 cases were prosecuted from January 1987 till December, 1988 by the Directorate of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration in courts for violation of Prevention of Food Adulteration Act/Rules.

(b) During the year 1987 and 1988, 143 cases were convicted by courts and 172 persons were sentenced in these cases. The details of the punishment awarded are as follows :—

44 persons	. Imprisonment upto 3 months.
61 persons	. Imprisonment upto 6 months.
8 persons	. Imprisonment upto 9 months.
23 persons	. Imprisonment of one year and above.
1 person	Imprisonment for two years.
9 persons	. Released on probation.

A total fine of Rs. 3,36,250 were imposed on all the aforesaid persons.

(c) There is no appreciable change in food adulteration cases. However, actual extent of adulteration which is injurious to health, is on the decline.

Report of the Siddiqui Committee

3080. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI : SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) when the Siddiqui Committee submitted its report ;